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## ***JUDICIAL PROFILE***

**Sherry Stephens** was appointed to the bench in July 2001 and is assigned to the Juvenile Court Department. After her admission to the State Bar in 1980, she joined the Arizona Attorney General's Office as a prosecutor in the Organized Crime and Fraud Section. There, she prosecuted a variety of criminal cases, primarily in the area of white-collar fraud. In 1991, she became supervisor of the Criminal Fraud Section and served in that post until her appointment to the bench.

Judge Stephens has received special recognition for her professionalism and volunteerism. In 1997, she received the State Bar's Distinguished Public Lawyer Award and was named the Arizona State University College of Law Outstanding Alumni of the Year in 1998. She was named Prosecutor of the Year for the Attorney General's Office in 2000. She served as a volunteer mediator in cases involving civil rights, contracts, agency disputes, public housing and the Board of Medical Examiners. She also participated in the Community Legal Services Volunteer Lawyers Program. Before becoming a judge, she chaired the State Bar's Public Lawyers Section and served on several State Bar committees. She also taught community college courses in business law. Judge Stephens received her undergraduate degree in criminal justice in 1977 and her law degree in 1980. She earned both degrees from Arizona State University.

